



# KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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### Testimonial

"Got an '04 Division 1 athlete their sickle cell results easy peasy with RICAIR. Thanks to you and your team!"

*Dr Linda Berman*

### Early Intervention Update

The Early Intervention (EI) Program is transitioning to a new information system. Until the transition is complete, EI information in KIDSNET will be incomplete. Thanks for your patience.

### School-Located Flu Clinic Schedules

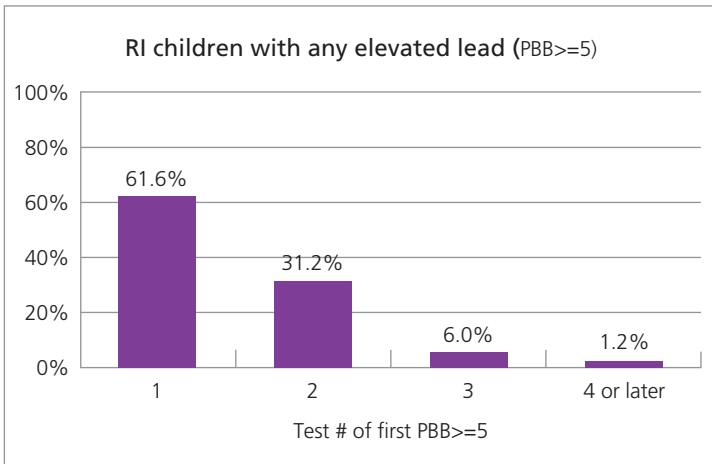
This year's school-located flu clinic schedule is now posted on RIDOH's website. You can view the date, time, and location of the clinics near you by visiting [health.ri.gov/flu/](http://health.ri.gov/flu/). The schedule will be updated regularly, so be sure to check for updates throughout the flu clinic season.

### Do You Have Lead Poisoned Children in Your Practice who you are unaware of?

Early identification of elevated blood lead levels is crucial so that the source of lead in a child's environment can be identified and removed to prevent further exposure. Elevated blood lead levels can negatively impact child development and can cause serious health problems, including learning disabilities, loss of IQ, and reduced attention span. Current Rhode Island childhood lead screening guidelines are to screen with at least one blood lead test by 15 months of age, and at least two blood lead tests, no less than 12 months apart, by 36 months of age. But many children get no lead screening at all, and others only get one screening. The data below examine lead screening in children -age 12-72 months on June 31, 2022. Nineteen percent (10,081) were never screened. Of the remaining 42,811 children who had one screening, nearly a third (12,418 or 29%) never had a second screen. As elevated blood leads are not always found with the first lead screening test, it is erroneous to assume that one test is enough. Of 1,924 children who had an elevated blood lead level, only 61.6% were identified on the first lead screening test, with 38.4% being identified on a second or subsequent test at least a year later. **Don't forget to run your KIDSNET lead reports and promote lead screening for your patients so that if the child does have an elevated blood lead level, the source of lead can be investigated and removed.** Also, please note that the action level for elevated blood lead has been lowered from 5 micrograms per deciliter to 3.5 micrograms per deciliter. That means even more children will have undetected elevated blood lead levels that require action.



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Total children in Rhode Island, age 12-72 months on June 31, 2022	52,719	
Never screened in Rhode Island	10,081	19.1%
No second screen (24-72 months)	12,418	29.0%
Any PBB result ≥ 5*	<b>1,924</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

#### How many tests until first PBB≥5

1	1,186	61.6%
2	600	31.2%
3	115	6.0%
4 or more	23	1.2%

## COVID-19 Bivalent Booster Dose

Pfizer's bivalent COVID-19 booster has been authorized and recommended for children age 5 through 11. Moderna's bivalent COVID-19 booster has been authorized and recommended for children and adolescents age 6 through 17. The bivalent booster is recommended two months after your last dose. To view the interim COVID-19 vaccination schedule click the link below.

### [CDC Immunization Schedule](#)

These bivalent COVID-19 boosters replace the monovalent boosters use previously for these age groups. Monovalent vaccine should continue to be used for the primary series. Bivalent vaccines should be used for booster doses. Primary series and boosters will need to be ordered separately. In other words, providers will place one order for primary series vaccine and a separate, second order for booster doses. Providers should contact their Immunization Program representatives with any storage and handling and dosing questions (the Moderna is a half dose for 6-11 and full dose for 12 or older but from the same vial).

CDC defines up to date with their COVID-19 vaccine series if they have completed a COVID-19 primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended by the CDC. These administered doses should appear in KIDSNET/RICAIR. Contact your KIDSNET/RICAIR Provider Relations if you have any questions.

